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NEXT WEEK THE OPC PRESENTS A DRAMATIC DOUBLE-HEADER PROGRAM

(1) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 --- ANNUAL SPOOK AND HALLOWE'EN FROLIC

A rollicking Tuesday evening of merriment and gaiety at the Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. (Admission: Members: \$1, Guests: \$1.50). On this ghostly occasion, the OPC is joined by members of the Mystery Writers of America in a traditionally festive celebration of Hallowe'en next Tuesday.

Wear either grotesque rubber masks or your own visages -- whichever will best succeed in puzzling your friends. Bring along noise-makers, window-rappers, novelty gimmicks and any other devices to help usher in this most mystic and mysterious of evenings.

And don't fear the Mystery Writers -- too much. There'll be Clayton Rawson, creator of the "Great Merlini" and an accomplished magician, who will present his latest illusing "Sawing a Foreign Correspondent in Half." What else???? Come and find out.

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(2) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 --- A SPECIAL OPC SCREENING OF "DECISION BEFORE DAWN"

Wednesday evening the OPC is invited to a special screening, followed by refreshments, of the forthcoming 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation presentation, "Decision Before Dawn", at 8:30 PM at 444 West 56th Street. This exciting war film, produced under the supervision of Darryl F. Zanuck, was filmed in Germany almost entirely with a native cast.

Gary Merrill, Richard Basehart and Oskar Werner star in this dramatic picture, which already has been privately hailed by critics and reviewers. It represents an adaptation of George Howe's popular novel, "Call It Treason", and was directed by Antole Litvak.

Reservations for seats for this special OPC screening of "Decision Before Dawn" should be made at once to Member BOB FLEISHER at Columbus 5-3320. Neither he nor the Club can be responsible for those applying too late. The 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation will be hosts to OPC Members and their guests at a reception following the screening.

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ANNE O'HARE McCORMICK look-seeing through Europe, her observations appearing in the New York Times' editorial page ... On October 22 CORNELIUS J. RYAN, associate editor of Collier's in charge of its "Preview of the War We Do Not Want" issue, spoke on the project before the exclusive Canadian Club of Montreal ... Garry Moore's guest on his CBS-TV show November 2 will be Life's MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE ... On NBC's "Jubilee Show", a survey of the network's news highlights over the past 25 years, Past President, W.W.CHAPLIN presents a panoramic view of world events as Americans heard them on the radio. Among the incidents reviewed will be MAX JORDAN's spectacular beat on results of the Munich Conference in 1938 ...

Past President BOB CONSIDINE in Las Vegas this week and last to cover for INS the atomic test explosions conducted by the Army and Atomic Energy Commission on a 16-by-40-mile strip of Nevada desert ... In the Middle West recently were the EARL CHAPIN MAYS, taking an Americana "refresher course" after touring Asia, South America and Europe ...
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Her name is "Kelly Culnan Dowell", and she's the daughter of the EDWIN E. DOWELLS. Vital statistics? Born September 28 at Roslyn Park hospital, weighing in at four pounds. DOWELL, former International Editions Manager for Newsweek, has been "involuntarily recalled" into the Army as a major and reports November 14 for active duty at Fort Monmouth, N.J. ... MBS commentator CECIL BROWN, now on a world-wide news-gathering tour, early this month conducted what is believed to be the last interview with Pakistan Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan before the peace-loving statesman was assassinated on October 16. In this interview, the late Prime Minister urged extension of the Point Four program to his country and suggested the U.S. intervene to end the controversial Kashmir problem ...

@ Club Headquarters has a limited number of free tickets to the @
 @ Bown Adams Professional Studio's hit off-Broadway production @
 @ of "Bernadotte" and "The Long Christmas Dinner" for Friday, @
 @ October 26, at 8:30 PM. Call LOngacre 4-0174.

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Television's crack twin-cameraman team, CHARLES and EUGENE JONES have been named by NBC's Davison Taylor as associate producers with Herbert Bayard Swope of future NBC-TV productions the first being "Lifeline", a network show scheduled for October 26 to spur blood donations for Korea. The program, to be narrated by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., will feature footage from the JONES Brothers Korean coverage. EUGENE is supervising from New York, while CHARLES in Washington is filming interviews with wounded veterans and military brass. The twins have recently done several NBC-TV one-shots, among them a fire prevention program which took them to Harlem for actual tape recordings of background sounds, climaxed by a third-alarm fire to which they rode aboard the first fire apparatus.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Program Committee Meeting Clubrooms Monday, November 5, 5:30 PM

 : NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: George F. Pierrot, president and managing director, This World Adventure Series, Inc. Europe, 1926, on writing assignments for the American Boy and Youth's Companion; several trips to Europe as editor of the American Boy-Youth's Companion, 1922 through 1936; From July, 1937 to July, 1938, through Europe, North Africa, Middle East, India and the Orient, for the Detroit News and World Letters. Proposed by LOWELL THOMAS; seconded by GERALDINE SARTAIN.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

EDWIN HOFFMAN, Acme Newspictures
 HENRY GEORGE WANDESFORD WOODHEAD, free-lance writer
 ROBERT C. PIERPOINT, Columbia Broadcasting System

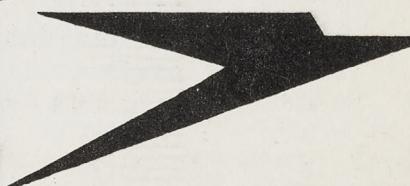
:::: COMING EVENTS ::::

Thursday, November 8 -- "What's Ahead for Israel and the Middle East?" will be the subject of the luncheon meeting scheduled on this date at the Warwick Hotel. Guests will be the Hon. James G. McDonald, first United States Ambassador to Israel and author of the current best-seller, "My Mission in Israel"; Gershon Agron, editor and publisher of the Jerusalem Post and former director general of information for the Israeli Government; and A. WILFRED MAY, executive editor of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, who has recently returned from Israel.

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All Members are welcome to attend the first fall meeting of the Program Committee, according to Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH, who invites suggestions for future program events and recommendations of top speakers. The meeting will be held in the Clubrooms at 5:30 PM, Monday, November 5.

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President JOHN DALY profiled by Tex and Jinx McCrary in the October 22 New York Herald Tribune ... Current issue of Cowles Ink, Cowles Magazines house organ, pictures Look foreign editor LES MIDGLEY cheek-to-cheek with Tallulah Bankhead in the latter's private swimming pool. See BILL LOWE, Look em-ee, for copies ... IVAN H. (Cy) PETERMAN of the Philadelphia Inquirer off to Europe for extended assignment on British elections, UN General Assembly in Paris, NATO meetings, Eisenhower's military command, with side sorties to the Middle East. ...

Wedding Bells rang October 13 for ELMER W. PETERSON, NBC radio and TV commentator in Hollywood, and Mrs. Jeanne Kuder Kenaston. They were married at Las Vegas, Nev., and after November 3 will be at home at 8293 Presson Place, Los Angeles. Congratulations!! ...

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RICHARD THOMAS sends greetings from Port-au-Prince in the Caribbean, where he's making a circle tour of Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Says it's strictly vacation, but doesn't deny he is gathering lecture material. THOMAS recently joined the speaking staff of the Roxanna Wells Lecture Bureau ... Editor WHITELAW REID of the New York Herald Tribune, has been elected a member of the board of the Inter-American Press Association ... TED O. THACKREY's New York Compass now costs 10 cents per daily copy; Sunday price remains 15 cents...

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Washington grapevine reports that WILLIAM P. REED is now special assistant in public relations to the Under Secretary of the Navy ... It's a girl for Time-Life's DAVE RICHARDSON and Mrs. R. in London; born at 8 pounds on October 15! ... MICHAEL STERN, of Holahan Case fame, has signed with Random House to produce a book, as yet untitled, containing ten profiles of exotic or shady figures now moving in international society. Scheduled for May, 1952 ...

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: Members of the Overseas Press Club living in Boston are cordially :
: invited to a cocktail party on Monday, October 29, at the Hotel :
: Statler. Please telephone ELLISEVA SAYERS at the Statler in Boston :
: after October 26 for details. :
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The October issue of the Library Journal reviews the OPC's "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence". Incidentally, have you ordered your copy yet? They're still available through Club Headquarters at \$1 per copy for Members; \$2 for others ... JOHN T. PARKERSON of the Club's Washington contingent in New York on a brief visit Off this week to Omaha to lecture on "The Defense of Western Europe" at Omaha University's 6th Annual Institute on World affairs is GEORGE HERALD ...

RED FACE DEPARTMENT: Brig. George Middleton, counsellor for the British Embassy in Teheran was incorrectly identified in the October 20 Bulletin as Brig. Gen. Middleton of the U.S. Embassy. The Editor sincerely regrets this error, and thanks Maj. C. B. ORMEROD for calling it to his attention.

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NBC has given LEON PEARSON the dream assignment of covering Broadway, new books and current magazines in a 15-minute commentary, "Critic at Large", Sundays at 1 PM, beginning October 28 ... Another OPCer off shortly for the UN General Assembly opening in Paris is HARRY ZINDER...

Bulletin Special Correspondent EDWARD HUNTER's new book, "Brain-Washing in Red China", praised in a New York Times Books Section review this week ... On November 2 H.V. KALTENBORN opens the morning lecture series of Philadelphia's Modern Club -- the twenty-second season in which he has addressed the club ... New transcribed series of eight radio shows on heart disease being produced by DOROTHY OSHLAG -- for national distribution through American Heart Association and U.S. Public Health Service's American Heart Institute ... JULIEN BRYAN lectures on "Tito's Yugoslavia" with his color motion pictures next week in Massachusetts and Maine ...

THE OVERSEAS TICKER

STOCKHOLM DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin)-- This capital of the Swedes where few full-time correspondents are stationed and where spot news is seldom of the magnitude to warrant sending in "specials" from the outside, is now settling down to the grim business of facing five dreary and sunless winter months. Summer brought its usual quota of roving talent. Among them were old-timers like Karl H. von Wiegand and GEORGE KENT of the Reader's Digest; also, Fred M. Hechinger of the New York Herald Tribune ..

A ripple of excitement has been created here by Howard Larson, correspondent for the Jamestown (N.Y.) Post Journal and Worcester (Mass.) Telegram, with a dispatch to Editor & Publisher (October 6). In his piece he takes the authorities, and more particularly the Foreign Ministry, to task for leaving foreign correspondents out of Government press conferences and giving us all an incomplete service in the matter of official communiques.

Some interpret these sins of omission as a form of censorship practiced by the Government. But I am inclined to absolve the authorities on this charge. Lack of comprehension of our requirements -- rather than evil intentions to hold things back -- is probably the explanation.

Sweden is, after all, very small and, despite the progress of aviation and other modes of communication, out of the way. And its Government, presently a coalition of labor and agrarians, is not used to dealing with the world press as it exists. For instance, cabinet members here usually fight shy of attempts to interview them. Larson's item in Editor & Publisher was useful, and may bring a change for the better; in fact, there are already hopeful signs of more sustained relations between the Government and the foreign press as a direct result of the Larson complaint.

More sinister by far than anything the Government may be accused of regarding imposition of censorship in the practice of some of the Stockholm newspapers to jump editorially on any foreign correspondent whose dispatches deviate -- be it ever so slightly -- from Sweden's official propaganda line. The fact that such offending dispatches are accurate and often textual translations of what their own newspapers have printed does not stop these editorial writers from pouring venom and invective over the heads of the hapless foreign correspondents -- with nothing barred, even personal slurs. Their mud-slinging is aided by the fact that Sweden lacks effective libel laws.

So the Swedish newspapers can write practically what they please about a person, be it ever so slanderous, with the chance of the latter winning suit for sizeable damages almost non-existent...

As far as we are concerned, the brazen but somewhat childish attempt at gagging foreign correspondents by singling them out for public opprobrium, of course has had no results. But, if continued, it is likely to have an adverse effect on the reputation of the Swedish press on the outside. It may even, in the end, tend to discourage editors from stationing staffers here at great expense. This malpractice can most certainly not be laid to the door of the Swedish Government, and they may even be powerless in the matter -- since nothing has been done to discourage the crucifixion in the press of those of us who are judged "undesirable" because we insist on telling the whole story -- and not just the bright aspects. -- (GEORGE AXELLISON).



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MEYER (THE TIMES) BERGER FETED, HAILED, KUDOSED BY ADMIRERS AT OPC LUNCH

It was Meyer Berger Day at the Overseas Press Club on October 18. For, on that day, more than 200 OPCers, friends and colleagues of the beloved New York Times reporter gathered at Toots Shor's to honor him -- and the Times' centennial year. One of the largest groups of luncheon attendants in OPC history were present to participate in the testimonial meeting citing the author of "The Story of the New York Times" (Simon & Schuster, \$5). President JOHN DALY presided.

Executive Managing Editor Turner Catledge, who paid first tribute to Mike Berger, said that celebration of the centennial year had been quite an ordeal -- an experience, he suggested, he would be willing to repeat on the occasion of its bi-centennial. Next, in sincere, solemn words, Robert Garst, Times city editor, said he considered Berger a "unique" newsman. After relating several humorous anecdotes, CROSWELL ROWEN introduced the guest of honor.

At a stand-up salute, Mike Berger greeted his well-wishers. He professed lack of qualification to address the OPC, for a PRO colonel in Italy had once taken great delight in referring to him as the "rear echelon Ernie Pyle". Then he told how he had begun work on the great book which will long remain a memorial to his ability. "Many nights," he said, "I used to dream of Ochsers, Adlers and Sulzbergers pouring through the transom. It was terrible." Later, a tintillating sequence he prepared on the Times' first woman reporter ("a buxom lass almost six feet tall") was reduced to paragraphs; "it 'broke the flow' of the book", he moaned.

The dining room was studded with distinguished guests who had come to honor Mike. New York Times executives included Orvil E. Dryfoos, assistant to the publisher; Theodore Bernstein, news editor; Lester Markel, editor of the Times Magazine; EMANUEL FREEDMAN, foreign editor; OTTO D. TOLISCHUS, editorial writer; IRVIN S. TAUBKIN, promotion manager; and MARK E. SENIGO, also from the promotion department ... M. Lincoln Schuster, publisher of the "Story of the New York Times", entertained a table of guests. With LOUIS WEINTRAUB were V.P. Bourne-Vanneck, publisher of the New York Age, America's oldest Negro newspaper; Miss Ann Dragon, executive assistant to General Carlos P. Romulo; and Max Abelman, PR director of the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn.

GUEST BOOK: JULIEN BRYAN, SVEN-ERIK BERGH, and HENRY BAGLEY, just back from Brazil ... ELMER BORSUK, BURTON CRANE, New York Times foreign correspondent ... BLANCHE DANIELL with CRAIG THOMPSON ... RICHARD JOHNSTON, Time's CARLE HODGE and the EUGENE (Jones Twins) JONES ... WAYNE PENNINGTON, BATES RANEY, ROBERT PHELPS and REAVIS O'NEAL ... GRETTA PALMER, BORIS SMOLAR, FRANK TAO and Maj. C. B. ORMEROD ... DOROTHY HINZ, the GORDON HAMILTONs and CLINTON GREEN ... plus many, many others. Book prizes -- Mike's book -- were won by DON GLASSMAN, CHARLES ROBBINS, Judge N. F. ALLMAN, LEON DANIEL and Charles Gillette.

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